

2019 London Series



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GAME DAY PROGRAM

Saturday April 6th
New River Stadium
London, UK

Welcome to the London 2019 Series

Toronto Wolfpack are back for the 2019 London Series and fans have plenty to be excited about as the Canadian takeover arrives with the world's first transatlantic side bringing their now annual game to the UK capital.

Firstly, a warm welcome to fantastic hosts London Skolars and our visiting teams from Sheffield and Workington. We are sure all fans will enjoy this fantastic double-header of Rugby League. Welcome also to our VIP guests who will be hosted by Rugby AM's Alex Simmons.

Be sure to arrive early to check out the NFL-style tailgating FanZone showcasing live music, Canadian themed entertainment and of course a range of culinary delicacies. In keeping with Canadian sporting tradition the Wolfpack game will open with National Anthems sung by a vocalist

from the Canadian Military, who will also be represented by a Colour Guard.

All fans should make their way to the FanZone to take part in 'Diamond in the Deck' thanks to Maple Leaf Diamonds, giving yourself a chance to leave New River Stadium with a stunning £2,500 white gold diamond drop pendant courtesy of the Wolfpack partner.

Home team merchandise will be available from the London Skolars Shop at the ground, who will also be stocking the brand new ISC Wolfpack range including playing kit and leisure items. International Rugby League retailer Mascord Brownz

will be on hand in the FanZone offering a myriad of kit from around the world.

Preceding the double-header, fans will witness a collection of Community games as the South London Silverbacks, Skolars Development Squad, Brixton Bulls and London Chargers all take to the field. There is certainly no shortage of quality sporting entertainment during the 2019 London Series.

The South London Silverbacks will also be bringing the first ever Rugby League Masters to North America in June when they visit Toronto for a tour of the Canadian city.



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On behalf of Toronto Wolfpack and London Skolars, special thanks for making the 2019 London Series possible goes to several business and partners across the UK and Canada.



- **The Canadian High Commission of Canada** for providing flags, foam fingers and lots of love for the 2019 London Series.
- **Air Transat** and **Canadian Affair** for their continued support of the Wolfpack.
- **Maple Leaf Diamonds** who have provided a remarkable and unique prize.
- Match ball sponsor **The Systems Link** for their strong support of Rugby in both Canada and the UK.
- **TD Bank** for bringing a piece of Canada to London for the second consecutive year.
- **The Pouterie** who are bringing their Canadian flavours to New River Stadium.
- **The Maple Leaf Bar** and their offer of a free pint on game day.
- **BBC London Sport** for a fantastic feature ahead of the game.

Match Preview

Brian McDermott is heading back to London, this time as Head Coach of Toronto Wolfpack.

The veteran coach was in charge of London-based Harlequins from 2006-2010 before he made the move North to Leeds in 2011. He would go on to coach the Rhinos for eight seasons, a total of 265 games that yielded multiple trophies including four Super League titles. He is now eight rounds into his first year in charge of the Wolfpack and a return to the UK capital for the 2019 London Series has him excited.

"I coached in London for five years. I coached Harlequins rugby league, which are now London Broncos, for five years so it will be good to go back there and experience what is a great city.

"It's good on a few levels. There's going to be a good number of expats from Canada going there and I am really looking forward to meeting those people."

The clash with Sheffield Eagles comes at a crucial stage of the season, with the Wolfpack sitting atop the Betfred Championship table and the Eagles currently holding onto third spot with just one loss to their name from seven starts. Toronto have also registered



just the one loss themselves, coming against Toulouse Olympique in a match that saw the French outfit run away with the game in the second half. Despite that slip up, McDermott is confident in his group but knows that they will need to be at their best to defeat an in-form Sheffield at New River Stadium.

"We've had a decent start to the season. We've had enough challenges during that period there, especially with the second half at Toulouse which we lost a couple of games ago. But the group is in good shape. We are really looking forward to it.

"We really want to put on a decent show against a good team in Sheffield. Sheffield are one of the big hitters this year. They are really in good form and we need to be good to meet that challenge."

The Wolfpack fell agonisingly short of promotion to the Super League in 2018, ending the Million Pound Game on the wrong end of a 2-4 scoreline against London Broncos on their home turf of Lamport Stadium in Toronto. McDermott and his men have their sights firmly set on promotion for the 2020 Season and a victory in the 2019 London Series would go a long way to keeping them in contention for the ultimate prize, a return to the League McDermott has enjoyed such experience and success in.





Jermaine Coleman - Head Coach London Skolars



Welcome to everyone to New River for a big day of Rugby League. Two juniors' games, two London League warm-up games and a masters' game, as well as the matches in Betfred League 1 and the Betfred Championship.

With the London League season not getting underway for another month, the warm-up game today for our reserves is important for the first team, as it will give many of the squad the opportunity for a run-out, including several players coming back from injury.

Our last home game ended in a draw, but it was certainly a feeling of a league point lost for us. Whilst it was a step forward for the side, we didn't make the most of the opportunities we created and that allowed

Keighley back in the game. The following week, Oldham showed us the importance of making the most of scoring opportunities. Whilst the way we conceded several late tries was concerning, our continued problems in turning possession into points is what really let us down and that's something we've been working on in the two weeks since that game.

Workington Town will be strong opposition this afternoon. They had the joy of a narrow victory in the Coral Challenge Cup last weekend and have been rewarded with a trip to Leeds Rhinos in the fifth round which takes place next weekend. I'm sure Leon Pryce will be working hard to make sure that isn't a distraction today.

With all the other games going on today, we also need to make sure that we focus on the matter in hand today. Several of the clubs fancied to do well in the league this season have suffered several defeats already and we need to put in a good performance today to put the pressure on those sides. Hopefully, the extra support from a large crowd will spur us on.





Toronto Wolfpack

2019 Stats

NO.	PLAYER	Date of Birth	GAMES	Starts	SUBS	TRIES	GOALS	FIELD GOALS	POINTS
1	Gareth O'Brien	21-Oct-91	8	8		2	27	0	62
2	Matty Russell	06-Jun-93	7	7		9	0	0	36
3	Chase Stanley	31-May-89	4	4		1	0	0	4
4	Ricky Leutele	10-Apr-90	8	8		5	0	0	20
5	Liam Kay	17-Dec-91	0			0	0	0	0
6	Joe Mellor	21-Nov-90	4	4		2	0	0	8
7	Josh McCrone	12-Apr-87	8	8		0	0	0	0
8	Adam Sidlow	25-Oct-87	7	4	3	1	0	0	4
9	Bob Beswick	08-Dec-84	2	2		1	0	0	4
10	Ashton Sims	26-Feb-85	4	4		0	0	0	0
11	Andrew Dixon	28-Feb-90	8	8		4	0	0	16
12	Bodene Thompson	01-Aug-88	5	5		1	0	0	4
13	Jon Wilkin	01-Nov-83	7	7		2	0	0	8
14	Andy Ackers	25-Dec-93	8	5	3	2	0	0	8
15	Darcy Lussick	06-Jun-89	8	2	6	1	0	0	4
16	Tom Olbison	20-Mar-91	8	7	1	0	0	0	0
17	Blake Wallace	08-Jun-92	8	6	2	6	0	0	24
18	Gadwin Springer	04-Apr-93	7	4	3	0	0	0	0
19	Gary Wheeler	30-Sep-90	2	1	1	2	0	0	8
20	Adam Higson	19-May-87	4	3	1	2	0	0	8
21	Anthony Mullally	28-Jun-91	5		5	0	0	0	0
22	Greg Worthington	17-Jul-90	0			0	0	0	0
23	Ryan Brierley	12-Mar-92	3		3	1	1	0	6
24	Nick Rawsthorne	30-Sep-95	3	2	1	1	0	0	4
25	Jack Logan	08-Sep-95	3	3		1	0	0	4
26	Brad Fash	24-Jan-96	1		1	0	0	0	0
33	Olsi Krasniqi	28-Jun-92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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TORONTO WOLFPACK	SHEFFIELD EAGLES
1. Gareth O'Brien	1. Josh Guzdek
2. Matty Russell	2. Ryan Millar
3. Chase Stanley	4. Jason Crookes
4. Ricky Leutele	5. Ben Blackmore
5. Liam Kay	6. Pat Walker
6. Joe Mellor	7. Anthony Thackeray
7. Josh McCrone	9. James Davey
8. Adam Sidlow	10. Matt James
9. Bob Beswick	11. Brad Knowles
10. Ashton Sims	12. Joel Farrell
11. Andrew Dixon	13. Aaron Brown
12. Bodene Thompson	14. Greg Burns
13. Jon Wilkin	15. Oliver Davies
14. Andy Ackers	16. Corey Makelim
15. Darcy Lussick	17. Shaun Pick
16. Tom Olbison	18. James Glover
17. Blake Wallace	19. Sonny Esslemont
18. Gadwin Springer	20. Louis Sheriff
19. Gary Wheeler	21. Blake Broadbent
20. Adam Higson	22. Paddy Burns
21. Anthony Mullally	24. Rory Dixon
22. Greg Worthington	25. Lewis Taylor
23. Ryan Brierley	
24. Nick Rawsthorne	
26. Brad Fash	
27. Hakim Miloudi	

Series Squads

LONDON SKOLARS	SPONSORED BY	WORKINGTON TOWN
Iliess Macani	Richard Griffin	Ryan Fieldhouse
Lameck Juma		Tyllar Mellor
Charlie Lawrence		Elliot Miller
Leighton Ball		Perry Singleton
Tommy Chipchase		Jamie Doran
Edward Mbaraga		Carl Forber
William Martin		Oliver Wilkes
Kayne Chan-Kitchener		Sean Penkywicz
Alfie Lawrence		Stevie Scholey
Malikhi Lloyd-Jones		Danny Tickle
Matthew Ross		Gordon Maudling
Richard Wilkinson	New River Brewery	Karl Olstrom
Jordan Williams	Richard Griffin	Andrew Dawson
Jerome yates		Tom Curwen
Harrison Brough		Scott Rooke
Louis Robinson		Andy Litherland
Neil Thorman	Kevin Ward	Clayton Sutton
Xavier Rice		Caine Barnes
Mike Greenhalgh		Jonathon Walsh
Judd Greenhalgh		Sam Hopkins
Michael Sykes	Student Rugby League Alumni	Fuifui Moimoi
Lamont Bryan		
Liam Scott		
Michael Bishay		
Omar Caro		

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1. Toronto Wolfpack	8	7	0	1	14
2. Toulouse Olympique	8	6	0	2	12
3. Sheffield Eagles	7	6	0	1	12
4. York City Knights	7	5	0	2	10
5. Leigh Centurions	8	4	0	4	8
6. Featherstone Rovers	8	4	0	4	8
7. Bradford Bulls	8	4	0	4	8
8. Halifax RLFC	8	4	0	4	8
9. Dewsbury Rams	7	2	1	4	5
10. Barrow Raiders	8	1	1	6	3
11. Swinton Lions	8	1	0	7	2
12. Batley Bulldogs	8	1	0	7	2
13. Rochdale Hornets	6	1	0	5	2
14. Widnes Vikings	7	6	0	1	0

BETFRED LEAGUE 1

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1. Hunslet RLFC	4	4	0	0	8
2. Oldham RLFC	4	3	0	1	6
3. Workington Town	4	3	0	1	6
4. Whitehaven RLFC	4	3	0	1	6
5. Newcastle Thunder	5	2	0	3	4
6. Doncaster RLFC	4	2	0	2	4
7. Coventry Bears	4	2	0	2	4
8. London Skolars	4	1	1	2	3
9. North Wales Crusaders	4	0	0	4	0
10. West Wales Raiders RL	5	0	0	5	0
11. Keighley Cougars	4	2	1	1	-7

COMMUNITY GAMES

9:45AM - Skolars U13's vs Hemel U13's

11:00AM - South London Silverbacks vs 'Rest of the World' Masters

12:00PM - London Skolars Reserves vs Newham Dockers

12:45PM - Brixton Bulls v London Chargers

The 2019 London Series will be getting underway early thanks to a collection of community games showcasing the best of local, grassroots rugby. All games take place at Perth Road grass pitches, directly opposite New River Stadium

It all gets underway at 9:45AM when the Skolars Under 13's clash with Hemel Under 13's.

At 11AM, South London Silverbacks take to the field against a Rest of the World XIII in a Masters Rugby clash. Masters is a social form of the game that is rising rapidly in popularity and participation across the globe, with the Silverbacks at the forefront.

The Silverbacks ranks are filled by retired rugby players, complete beginners and experienced old hands, all with one thing in common: a love of Rugby League.

The Silverbacks will be bringing the first ever Rugby League Masters to North America in June when they visit Toronto for matches against local sides.

Following this battle of the Masters, London Skolars Reserves will welcome the Newham Dockers to Perth Road in a battle scheduled for 12PM.

At 12.45PM, London Chargers will then be facing Brixton Bulls for an encounter that will set up the featured fixtures of the 2019 London Series perfectly.

The Chargers were formed in 2013 and won the London Premier Competition from 2013-2015. They have finished runners up in consecutive seasons since and contested the last seven Challenge Cups.

With strengthened links to junior club Rutlish Raiders, the Chargers have established pathways reaching into the future. They are supported by a partnership with sister club Coastal Cougars from Vancouver, Canada.

The arrangement was created thanks to a link through a former player at London Chargers, who is now involved in the senior administration. The sister club link has been established due to sharing a common value of developing the game in less established areas and above all, a passion for the game. The Chargers will be providing advice to the Cougars on increasing player memberships,

establishing links with a wide range of players who may not have played the game before and assisting with how to generate revenue.

The Chargers opponents, the Brixton Bulls, were established in 2004 as a junior club and has since grown to run multiple men's, women's and junior teams. The Bulls have a proud history in their local community and are committed to an open and inclusive environment for all to play sport.

In 2018, the men's first grade claimed the London Championship for the second year running and the women's team was also launched in the same season. The club is expanding in 2019, moving into the newly formed Southern Conference League and plans to grow its junior ranks through programs with local schools and community centres.

Anyone wishing to get involved with any of the community teams playing today can contact them through social media and are encouraged to do so.



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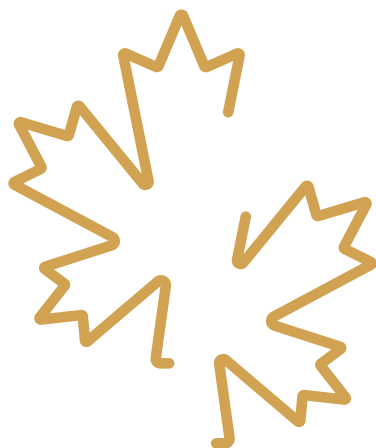
TORONTO WOLFPACK 2019 FIXTURES

APR	Saturday 6th Friday 19th Monday 22nd Sunday 28th	3:05 PM 3:00 PM 3:00 PM 2:00 PM	Sheffield Eagles Barrow Raiders Featherstone Rovers Swinton Lions	New River Stadium Craven Park LD Nutrition Stadium Lamport Stadium
MAY	Saturday 4th Saturday 18th Friday 24th	1:00 PM 3:00 PM 7:45 PM	Bradford Bulls Toulouse Olympique Sheffield Eagles	Lamport Stadium Blackpool Olympic Legacy Park
JUN	Sunday 9th Saturday 15th Saturday 22nd Sunday 30th	3:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	Swinton Lions Dewsbury Rams Toulouse Olympique Batley Bulldogs	Heywood Road Lamport Stadium Lamport Stadium Fox Biscuits Stadium
JUL	Saturday 6th Saturday 13th Sunday 21st	1:00 PM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	Halifax RLFC Featherstone Rovers Widnes Vikings	Lamport Stadium Lamport Stadium Halton Stadium
AUG	Sunday 4th Saturday 10th Saturday 17th Saturday 31st	3:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Bradford Bulls York City Knights Rochdale Hornets Barrow Raiders	Odsal Stadium Lamport Stadium Lamport Stadium Lamport Stadium
SEPT	Saturday 7th	1:00 PM	Leigh Centurions	Lamport Stadium



LONDON SKOLARS 2019 FIXTURES

APR	Saturday 6th Friday 19th Sunday 28th	12:15 PM 3:00PM 3:00PM	Workington Town Coventry Bears Hunslet RLFC	New River Stadium Butts Arena South Leeds Stadium
MAY	Saturday 11th Saturday 18th Saturday 25th	3:00PM 4:00PM 3:00PM	North Wales Crusaders Doncaster RLFC Whitehaven RLFC	New River Stadium New River Stadium Recreation Ground
JUN	Saturday 15th Saturday 22nd Saturday 29th	3:00PM 3:00PM 3:00PM	West Wales Raiders RL Keighley Cougars Whitehaven RLFC	New River Stadium Cougar Park New River Stadium
JUL	Saturday 6th Sunday 14th Saturday 20th	3:00PM 3:00PM 3:00PM	Coventry Bears Workington Town Newcastle Thunder	New River Stadium Derwent Park Kingston Park
AUG	Saturday 3rd Sunday 11th Friday 23rd	3:00PM 3:00PM 7:00PM	Oldham RLFC Doncaster RLFC Hunslet RLFC	New River Stadium Keepmoat Stadium New River Stadium
SEPT	Sunday 7th	3:00PM	North Wales Crusaders	Queensway Stadium



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